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LOCAL BREVITIES.

PERSONAL POINTERS FITLY PRINTED.

Various Items Garnered From This and Other Fields—What Our People Are Doing.

The picnic season is at hand.

Did you get fooled on Tuesday?

County commissioners meet next Tuesday.

County school board will meet next Tuesday.

Wednesday was Thomas Jefferson's birthday.

Gen. Gilchrist is off again on one of his tours up and down the State.

"What tools these mortals be" applies to times other than April first.

Sixteen pounds whole grain rice, \$1.00 at N. N. Wakefield's. 12-1f

The musical sizzling of the soda water fountains is now heard in the land.

Today, 198 years ago the first newspaper was published in the United States.

See advertisement of the Tampa Employment agency. It may aid you in getting the help you want.

For anything in the grocery line, promptly delivered, call 'Phone 39. N. N. Wakefield. 12-1f

Col Pepper will speak in the Presbyterian church at 11 o'clock Sunday morning next.

That masquerade ball at Hotel Punta Gorda next Monday night promises to be a great affair. It will be largely attended.

Positively only two weeks longer in which to have your pictures taken. Call on Anderson at once. 12-2f

"How shall I attend the masquerade?" asked one gentleman of another. "Stick a live feather in your hair and go as a jaybird," was the answer.

Mrs. G. A. Latham, of Fernandina, will be here tonight on a visit to her son, Dr. F. C. Latham. We trust that she will be pleased with Punta Gorda.

There will be a roll call of the members of the Baptist church at 7:30 p. m. next Sunday, April 6. The pastor and deacons specially request all to be present.

The conference of the Orlando district of the M. E. Church, South, will be held in Arcadia, beginning May 14. Rev. H. W. Joiner, of Punta Gorda, will preach the opening sermon.

Anderson, the photographer, will be here only two weeks longer; better therefore, have your pictures taken now. 12-2f

Punta Gorda is now connected by telephone with Cleveland, Liverpool and Hull. Toll service to Cleveland is 10 cents for three minutes talk; to Liverpool, 15 cents. Which illustrates the old saying that talk is cheap.

Mr. Gus Lewis, of Marianna, who lived here not many years ago and became very popular, is now chief salesman in J. R. Elliott's big dry goods establishment. His many friends here are glad to have him amongst them again.

The Easter services in the various churches Sunday brought out large congregations. There were the usual decorations and the music was very fine. All the sermons of course were on the subject of the resurrection and were highly edifying to the hearers.

Any one desiring Western poultry for Sunday, if they will leave their order for same with Bassett & Co. on Friday of each week, the same will have prompt attention and satisfaction guaranteed. 12-1f

Prof. F. P. Enswinger, of Rollins College, Winter Park, was a pleasant caller in this office Tuesday. He was here for the purpose of arranging to offer a free scholarship in Rollins College to the first graduate of our high school. This is an opportunity which should arouse the ambition of our high school pupils.

The funeral of Hon. Owen Dishong at Owens last week was attended by fully 1500 people. Friends were present from all parts of the county. There was a large representation of Free Masons composed of members from every lodge in the county and the lamented dead was laid to rest in accordance with their beautiful rites.

You will find at Bassett & Co.'s, as fine a line of fresh meats as is carried by any up-to-date market in South Florida. We are not cutting prices to get your trade, for we handle only the first grade of Western meats. We invite your careful attention to this fact, and that is, that you will always get the best in town at Bassett & Co.'s. 12-1f

Col. Pepper has resigned from the town council.

The weather here was quite cool here all this week.

Mrs. Joshua Mizell is expected home from Jacksonville this week.

There are no paupers in Punta Gorda; everybody is making a living.

Call on N. N. Wakefield for your hay and grain. 12-1f

Harry Dreggers left Tuesday on a ten days trip to Georgia, Alabama and South Carolina.

Judge and Mrs. Lynde Harrison, eminent people of New Haven, Conn., spent Sunday at Hotel Punta Gorda.

Col. Jno. Trice and Hon. M. E. Gillett, financiers of Tampa, passed through town Wednesday morning on their way to Fort Myers.

Sheriff Fielder was here Monday summoning jurors and witnesses for the special term of the circuit court which is to begin on the 14th inst.

The Rt. Rev. Wm. Crane Gray, Bishop of the Diocese of Southern Florida, passed through here Tuesday morning on his way to Naples on church business. He returned yesterday.

The best and freshest groceries in Punta Gorda can be found at Bassett & Co.'s. Call and be convinced. 12-1f

The Florida Baptist, now published weekly at Wauchula, has not been sold to Prof. Carr, as erroneously stated, but is still edited by Rev. M. S. Stevens. It has been greatly improved.

Mr. O. A. Morgan brought in Tuesday a superb grapefruit, measuring 21 inches in diameter. His trees yielded a fine crop of beautiful fruit this season and he is getting good prices right here at home.

Mrs. Weiler, of Chicago, returned Monday from a prospecting visit to Englewood. She was so well pleased there that she bought property to improve and before leaving made a contract to have an orange grove set out.

The children of the Episcopal Sunday school have been having a happy week of it. Monday afternoon they had a delightful egg hunt and picnic in the grove at the cattle dock and last night they enjoyed a social with ice cream at the rectory.

The taxpayers of DeSoto county will have till May 1st in which to pay their taxes. Collector Sandlin announces that he has received the requisite authority for this extension of time from State Comptroller Croom.

When you have any fresh country produce, call at Bassett & Co.'s, before disposing of it and get the highest CASH prices. 12-1f

McLane and Oliver have been so rushed with business for the past two weeks that they could not get time to write a new advertisement. They say their low prices keep them "on the jump" waiting on customers from morning till night.

Mr. J. M. Cameron, consulting engineer, ran down from Philadelphia last week and took a look at the work being done on the colossal ice and fish freezing plant. He will be back in a few days and stay a month or two.

A squadron of DeSoto commercial tourists arrived at Hotel Dade Wednesday morning and took possession of the town. Not a merchant escaped. A. E. Snow, Geo. Weller, D. Y. Brinker and E. H. Lester seemed to lead the squadron.

Young ladies desiring to make some money with which to go off to school may write once to Littleton Female College, Littleton, N. C. 10-3

Col. and Mrs. Robert Holloway, Mrs. Massey and Miss Maud Burr expect to leave this week on their return home to Alexis, Ills. Many friends here wish them a pleasant trip and will gladly welcome them back next winter.

You will always find at Bassett & Co.'s, a fresh supply of candles, cigars and groceries. No shelf-worn goods there. Call and see for yourself. 12-1f

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Marshall have been back from Chicago for two weeks. They came home unannounced and so quietly that their arrival was unknown until last Friday. Their many friends will be glad to know that Mr. Marshall's health is much improved.

The old superstition about hard boiled eggs being unhealthy and indigestible is proven false with the coming of every Easter, when the children devour many hard boiled eggs with no bad effect on their digestion or health. Fewer theories and more common-sense methods in eating would be better for everybody.

Mr. Chas. A. Dean, with his elegant launch, expert crew and fine dogs, returned this week; and after a few more days cruising in the bay and river, will return to Boston, whither Mrs. Dean and her charming daughter, Miss Eleanor, have already gone. Their many friends in this region will rejoice to have them here again next winter.

John Boyce had lots of fun Tuesday night watching a big crowd of colored people going out to a "race and social" at the colored Odd Fellows hall. John had mailed them printed invitations to come out, after which he "lay low and kept dark" and smiled forty rods long to think there were so many people forgetful of the follies of April 1st.

TARPON NOT BITING.

What an Expert Says About It.

Those who profess to know allege that, up to last Friday no tarpon had been caught in these waters. They say that the reports of tarpon having been caught at or near Fort Myers are romances; and that if any big fish were caught they were sharks, jewfish or porpoises.

Charles L. Pratt, the colored expert, was in this office last Friday, and he said that he had been trying diligently for two weeks to catch a tarpon, but hadn't had a bite. He took extra pains, he said, because Manager Roach, of Useppa Inn, was offering a prize of \$50 cash for the first tarpon caught, and he was making special efforts to win the reward. He said that he didn't believe that any one at Fort Myers or elsewhere on this coast had yet landed a Silver King this season, that the fish just wouldn't bite, and he could not explain why they would not. He saw plenty of them, but they could not be induced to take the hook.

Pratt promised to send THE HERALD a report of all tarpon caught within his fishing grounds.

DEATH OF A LITTLE GIRL.

Little Marietta Stalter Hewitt, the daughter of Norman and Francis Hewitt, died at 7:30 p. m. March 31, 1902. Death was caused from tonsillitis, resulting in blood poisoning. The little darling was 5 years 6 m. and 5 days old. She was of a bright and loving disposition and was beloved by every one who knew her.

She was born at Salem, Ohio; came to Florida about 18 months ago, and enjoyed the best of health until this dreadful disease took hold of her not a week ago.

The body will be taken North for burial in the family lot of the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Boone, at Salem, Ohio. A memorial service was held in the Presbyterian church on Wednesday afternoon, April 2, at 2:30 p. m., but the body was not taken, as it had been hermetically sealed.

CARD OF THANKS.

To those dear friends whose sympathy and flowers we received, we extend our most sincere thanks. Our hearts and hopes are broken.

MR. AND MRS. N. C. HEWITT,
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Mr. and Mrs. Iredell W. Johnson have the sincere sympathy of many friends in the loss of their infant, Fillmore, age three months, which occurred last Friday morning. Though with them such a short while he had become precious in their sight and it was hard to give him up, but they have the comfort of feeling that their little one is in a better, brighter world where they may meet him again.

Silas Powell & Son have opened a shoe shop in the embrasure between Blount's and the postoffice and will do good work at reasonable prices. 10-1f

For a period of about twelve years ending six months ago, no child between four and ten years of age died in Punta Gorda or its immediate environs. During the past six months, seven children from 18 months to seven years old have died, most of them from some bronchial trouble like tonsillitis or laryngitis. All of these were white; no fatalities amongst the negroes have been reported. The total number of children white and black, from one year old to eighteen, in Punta Gorda may safely be estimated at 350.

Just received, the finest line of Heinz's pickles, catsup and preserves at Bassett & Co.'s. 12-1f

John H. Capo, the expert meat cutter at the P. G. M. & S. S. Co., is making a specialty of chickens at his home in the eastern part of town. He has 110 hens, mostly full-blooded white and brown Leghorns, with a few Plymouth Rocks. Last week, they gave him 32 dozen eggs, worth 25 cents a dozen, and he says their feed cost him only \$1.15. It would therefore seem that the poultry business is quite profitable here. Mr. Capo has lately added a trio of Toulouse geese to his yards and will raise a lot of these mammoth birds this season.

F. G. Arnold, Arcadia's wide-awake photographer, will be here soon. Save all your work for him, and also save money for yourselves. 9

The children of the lower grades of the high school enjoyed some merry hunting for Easter eggs last Friday afternoon. Those belonging to Miss Norma Pepper's room went by invitation to Miss Mattie Davis's home, where they had a glad time of it; while the pupils of Misses Leitch, Stetson and McDonald enjoyed their frolic on the bay shore in front of the Stetson residence. Most of the girls are treasuring as souvenirs the beautiful eggs they found, while a majority of the boys devoured theirs.

Our New Spring Stock

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Trimmed Hats,
and Sailors of
all Kinds.
Dress Goods,
Trimmings,
Men and Boys'
Clothing,
Hats and Shoes.

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Everything in the Grocery line, including Fresh Meats, of all kinds, Fruits, Vegetables, Eggs, and Chickens. Rock bottom prices throughout. Prompt Free Delivery.

Seward's.

Whole wheat and Graham flour at SEWARD'S. Before painting or re-painting your house get Seward's prices on paints, oils and Atlantic lead. New stock of ready mixed paints received this week.

Seward's hardware department may not be the most complete in the United States, but when it comes to prices, he'll startle creation. Ship chandlery, building material, tools, implements, etc., at honest prices.

Seward will positively save you 25 to 50 per cent on foot wear. This is what scores of new customers tell us, and they speak the truth. Honest goods at live and let live prices is our motto. A new stock of good, durable shoes just opened.

Go to Seward's for fresh, first-class groceries at the lowest possible prices

Remember, that R. K. Seward is agent for both Mapes's and Wilson & Loomis's fertilizers—best manufactured.

Seward's gents' furnishing department is recognized by all thinking people as a money-saving annex. Here you get regular 50-cent articles for a quarter.

Seward will supply you with anything from a needle to a brick house, at the lowest prices. Remember this.

Seward's.

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